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PREVIOUSLY IN *THE SCORCHED*

As Haunt faces new enemies on his hunt for the missing children, Redeemer struggles on a search of his own.



REDEEMER HAD NOT TOLD ANYONE HIS NECKLACE HAD BEEN STOLEN FOR TWO VERY GOOD REASONS...

ONE: IT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO HIM AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE. AT A TIME YET TO COME. MOST WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT.

SECOND: EVEN IF HE COULD CONVINCE OTHERS THAT HE HAS SEEN THE FUTURE, NO ONE KNOWS THE NECKLACE **EXISTS** SINCE HE'S SAID NOTHING ABOUT IT.

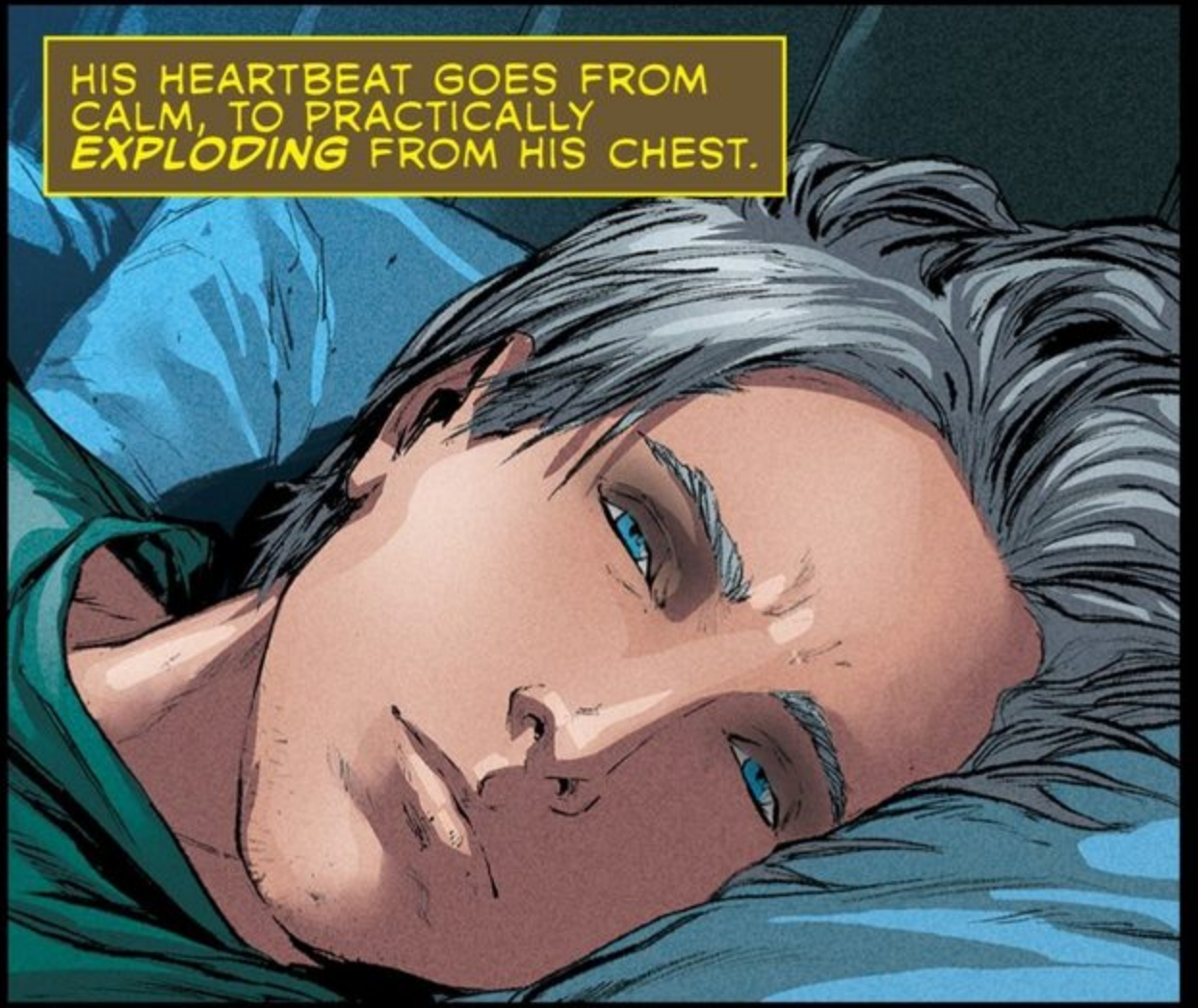
THE QUESTION FOR REDEEMER IS HOW DOES ANYONE ELSE KNOW ABOUT IT? AND WHY WERE THEY WILLING TO **DESTROY** IT?*

*SEE LAST ISSUE -- THOMAS

HALF A
WORLD
AWAY.



HIS HEARTBEAT GOES FROM
CALM, TO PRACTICALLY
EXPLODING FROM HIS CHEST.



ADRENALINE IGNITES THE
REST OF HIS SLEEPING
BODY, CAUSING EDDIE
FRANK INTO A MOMENT
OF SHEER PANIC...

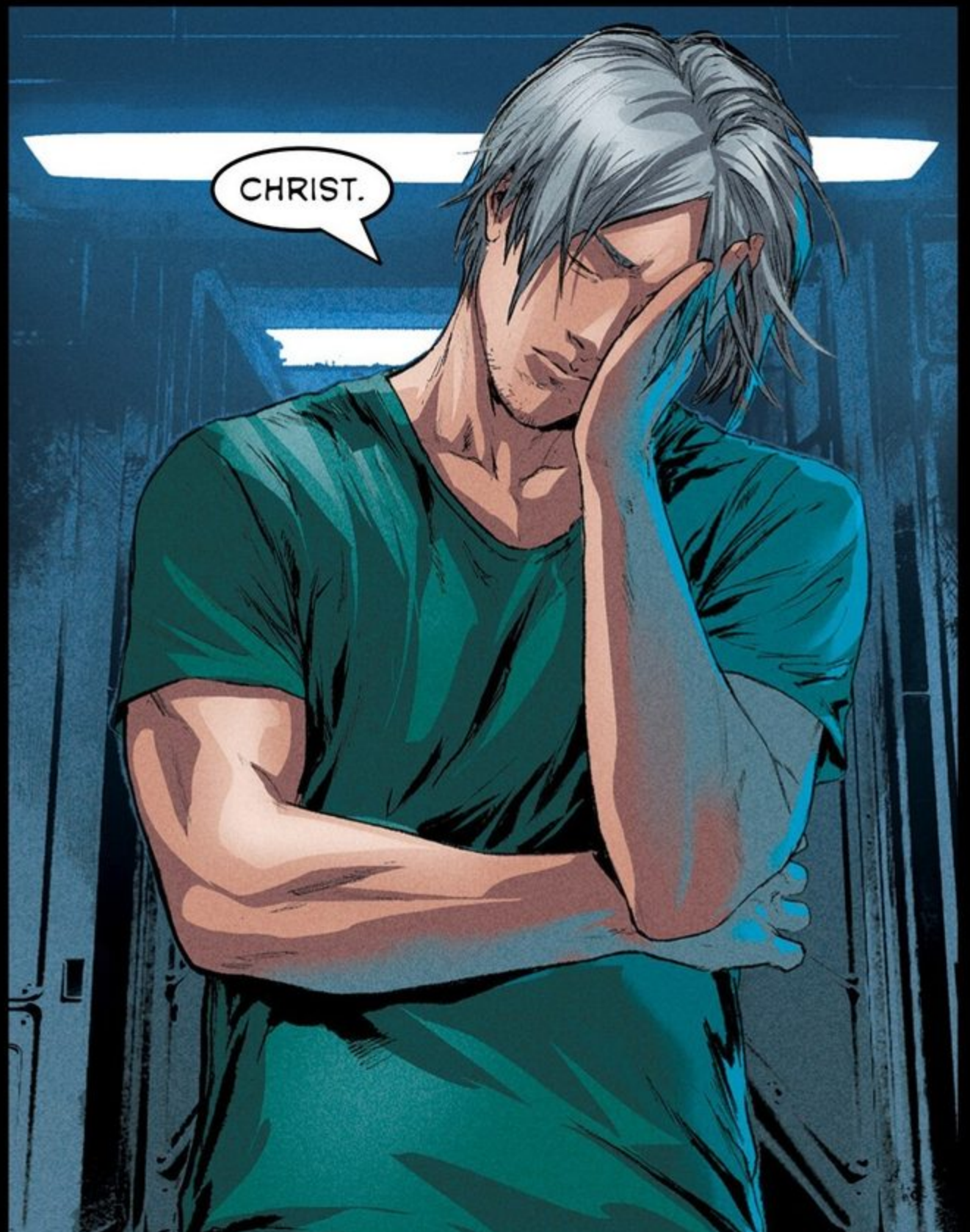


NO!

...BEFORE
REALIZING IT
WAS ALL JUST
A TERRIBLE
NIGHTMARE.



FOR THE LIFE OF HIM,
HE CAN'T REMEMBER
WHAT HE WAS EVEN
DREAMING ABOUT.

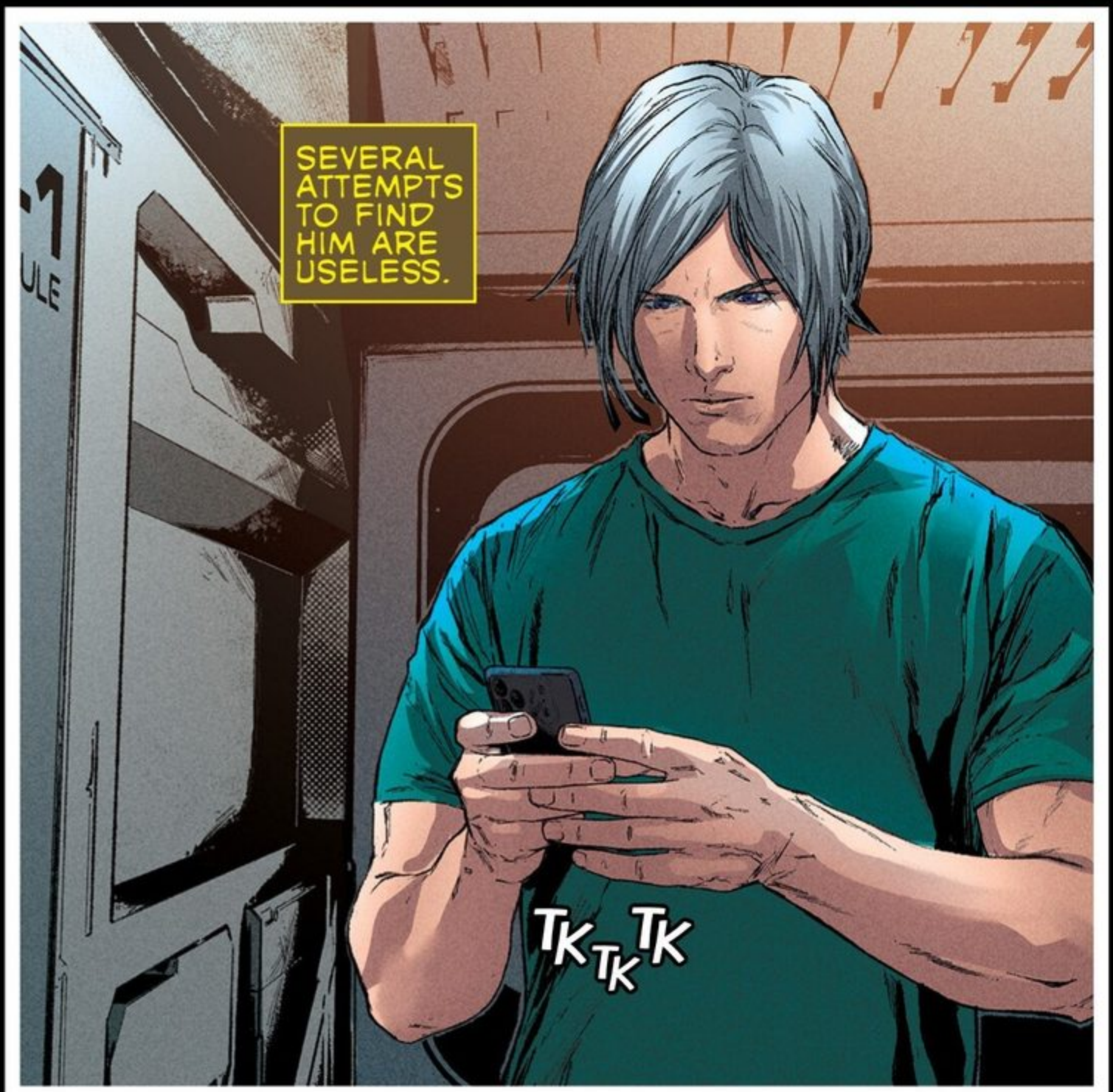


CHRIST.



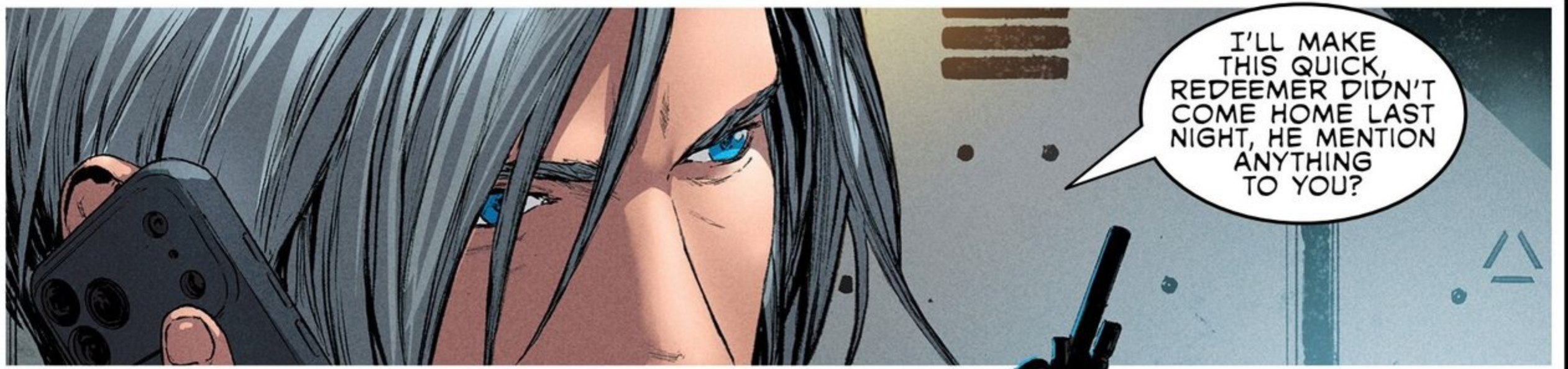
SINCE HE'S UP, HE CHECKS TO SEE IF HIS YELLING WOKE HIS TEAMMATES.

BUT REDEEMER'S BED HASN'T BEEN SLEPT IN.



SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO FIND HIM ARE USELESS.

TK TK TK



I'LL MAKE THIS QUICK, REDEEMER DIDN'T COME HOME LAST NIGHT, HE MENTION ANYTHING TO YOU?



I HAVEN'T TALKED TO HIM. THOUGHT YOU GUYS WERE GOING TO SORT OUT YOUR **PERSONAL SHIT** YESTERDAY?

WE STARTED BUT THINGS WENT A BIT SIDEWAYS.

OF **COURSE** IT DID. LOOK, I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF MY **OWN CASE** RIGHT NOW. I DON'T HAVE TIME TO BABYSIT YOU BOYS.



CALL ME IF HE DOESN'T SHOW UP BY THIS AFTER-NOON.

SO, YOU WANT ME TO WAIT HALF A DAY. APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN.

MAYBE HE JUST NEEDED A **BREAK**, GOD KNOWS WE COULD ALL USE ONE. IF YOU WANT, I CAN...



NEVER MIND! I SEE MY TARGET, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN.



shit



WHY WOULD HE LEAVE HIS COMMUNICATOR BEHIND?

WHEN HE EVENTUALLY REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS, REDEEMER WILL BE GLAD HE DOESN'T **BREATHE** LIKE A HUMAN. IF HE DID, HIS LUNGS WOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY SEARED FROM THE MASSIVE EXPLOSION.

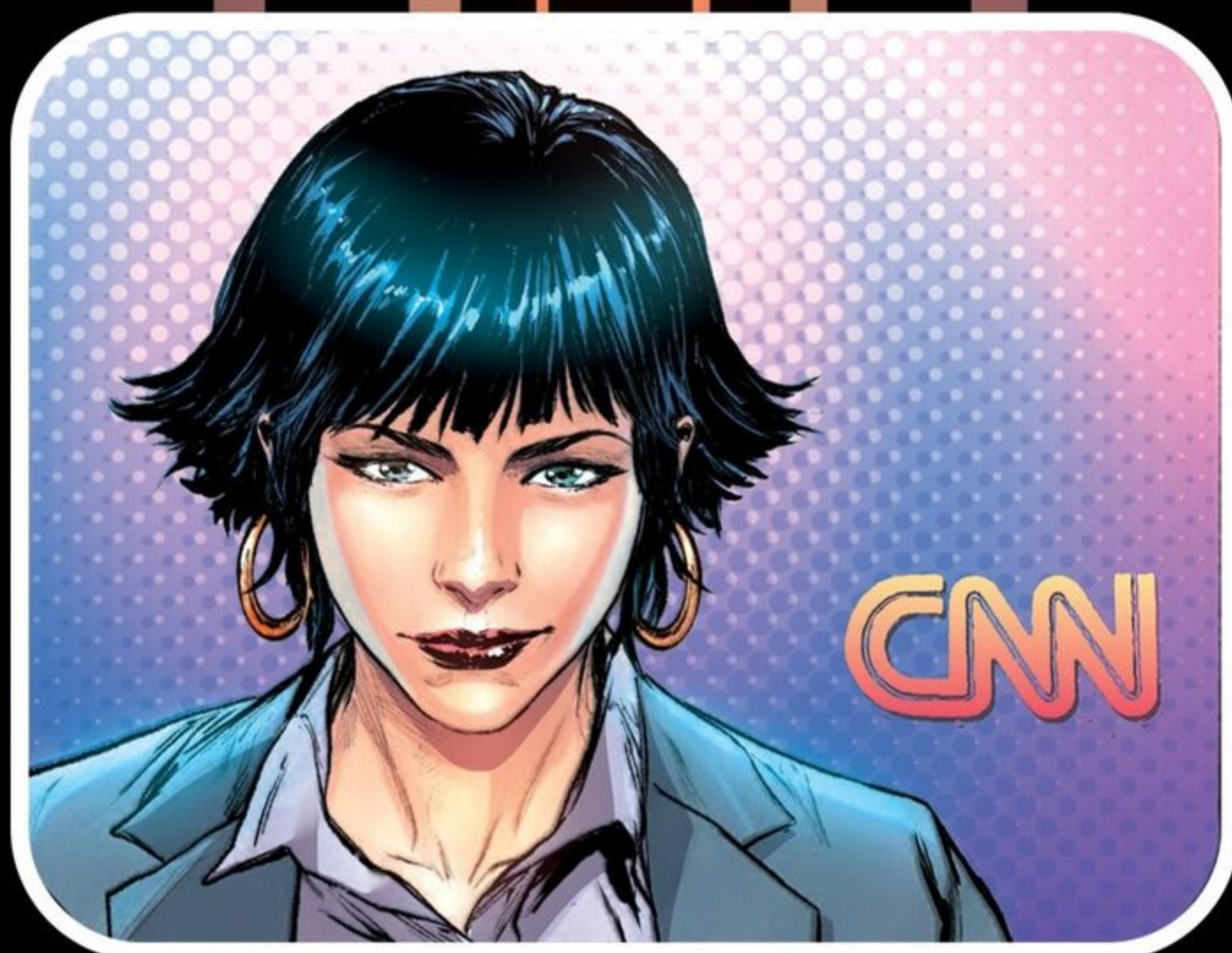


HOURS
PASS.



THAT'S
A PITY.





DETAILS CONTINUE TO POUR IN AS THE GOVERNMENT TRIES TO CALM THE PULSE OF OUR NATION, AND THE WORLD'S, WITH THE REALITY THAT WE ARE **NOT ALONE**. THE **DISTURBING** FACT THAT SO MANY OF THESE COSTUMED BEINGS MAY HAVE BEEN HIDING HERE ON EARTH LONG BEFORE THEIR EXPOSING THEMSELVES IN OREGON'S BRUTAL BATTLE WITH SOME UNEXPLAINED MONSTER.

THE QUESTION WE ARE ALL ASKING OURSELVES IS: WHAT NEXT?

DO WE JUST RETURN TO OUR NORMAL LIVES HOPING THIS SHOCKING REVELATION AND **DESTRUCTION** WON'T OCCUR AGAIN? OR IS IT, AS SO MANY OF US BELIEVE, JUST THE BEGINNING OF EVENTS THAT COULD TEAR THE VERY FABRIC OF HUMAN SOCIETY APART?



CURRENTLY, MOST OFFICIALS HAVE PURPOSEFULLY HIDDEN AWAY FROM REPORTER'S QUESTIONS. MOST LIKELY BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ANY MORE COMFORTING ANSWERS THAN THE REST OF US.

AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO SEE BEYOND THIS **STAGGERING** NEW REALITY WE MAY NOW BE LIVING IN; THE NEWS ELSEWHERE SEEMS TO BE EQUALLY AS DISHEARTENING. HERE LOCALLY, POLICE HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR **ASSISTANCE** ON THE DISAPPEARANCE OF FIVE CHILDREN FROM THE UPPER QUEENS AREA. PARENTS OF SOME OF THE **MISSING** CHILDREN ARE PLEADING FOR THEIR RELEASE AND/OR HAVE POSTED REWARDS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS.



INSANITY...!
PURE INSANITY!!

THAT'S WHERE **WE'RE** AT! NONE OF US ARE SAFE FROM **ANYTHING** AND NO ONE CAN BE TRUSTED AT THIS POINT. **NOT** THE GOVERNMENT! **NOT** THE MEDIA! **NOT** LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OR MILITARY GROUPS. WE'VE LITERALLY BEEN **ABANDONED** BY ALL OF THEM! THE ONLY PERSON YOU CAN HAVE ANY FAITH IN IS **YOURSELF!!**

WE KNEW THIS TIME WOULD COME, IT'S WHY WE STOCK UP ON PROVISIONS AND AMMUNITION. THE '**END OF THE WORLD**' IS UPON US AND IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE GOD IS COMING TO OUR SIDE, SO WE MUST BE OUR **OWN** SHEPHERDS. AND IF YOU DO NOTHING ELSE, PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN...WITH YOUR **LIVES** IF NEED BE!!



NICE TO SEE YOU COME AROUND. THOUGH IT DOESN'T APPEAR YOU'LL BE FLYING ANY TIME SOON.

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?



I'M MAMMON. FROM HELL.

THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR NOW.



BUT I'LL ASSUME YOU CAME HERE LOOKING FOR YOUR MEDALLIONS?

HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY NECKLACE? THAT IT WAS HERE.



THAT'S EASY.

I'M THE ONE THAT TOOK IT FROM YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE. BUT YOU WOULDN'T **REMEMBER**, BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO.

YOU'RE FROM THE FUTURE?



I'M
FROM MANY
PLACES.

WELL, THE
ONLY **BEING**
WHO KNEW ABOUT
MY NECKLACE SITS
NEXT TO GOD. HE
WOULDN'T BETRAY
HIS LORD'S
TRUST.



YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT
GIDEON?

I'VE MET HIM.
UNFORTUNATELY,
WE DIDN'T GET
ALONG, THOUGH HE
DID **CONFESS** TO
A FEW SECRETS
BEFORE HIS LAST
SCREAM.



THAT'S
NOT WHY
I'M HERE.
I WANT TO
HELP YOU.



I
DOUBT
THAT.

BELIEVE
WHAT YOU LIKE, IF
THAT COMFORTS YOU,
IT WON'T CHANGE THINGS.
YOU SEE, I'M HERE TRYING
TO STOP A MONSTER FROM
DEVASTATING THIS PLANET.
A HELLSPAWN TO BE MORE
SPECIFIC, ONE THAT
ACTS MORE LIKE AN
ANIMAL THAN AN
INTELLECT.

THERE'S NO
REASONING WITH IT.
IT NEEDS TO DISCOVER
THE FOLLY OF ITS WAYS
THROUGH ITS OWN TRIAL
AND ERROR. BUT SOME
OF THAT GETS IN
THE WAY OF
MY PLANS.



YES, I DESPISE HEAVEN, AS I'M SURE YOU'VE GLEANED THAT BY NOW, AND I **HATE** YOUR **ANGELIC** KIND. BUT TODAY MY PRIORITY IS TRYING TO KEEP SOMETHING **CATASTROPHIC** FROM HAPPENING.



WHICH IS WHY I SAVED YOUR NECKLACE. IT'S YOURS...

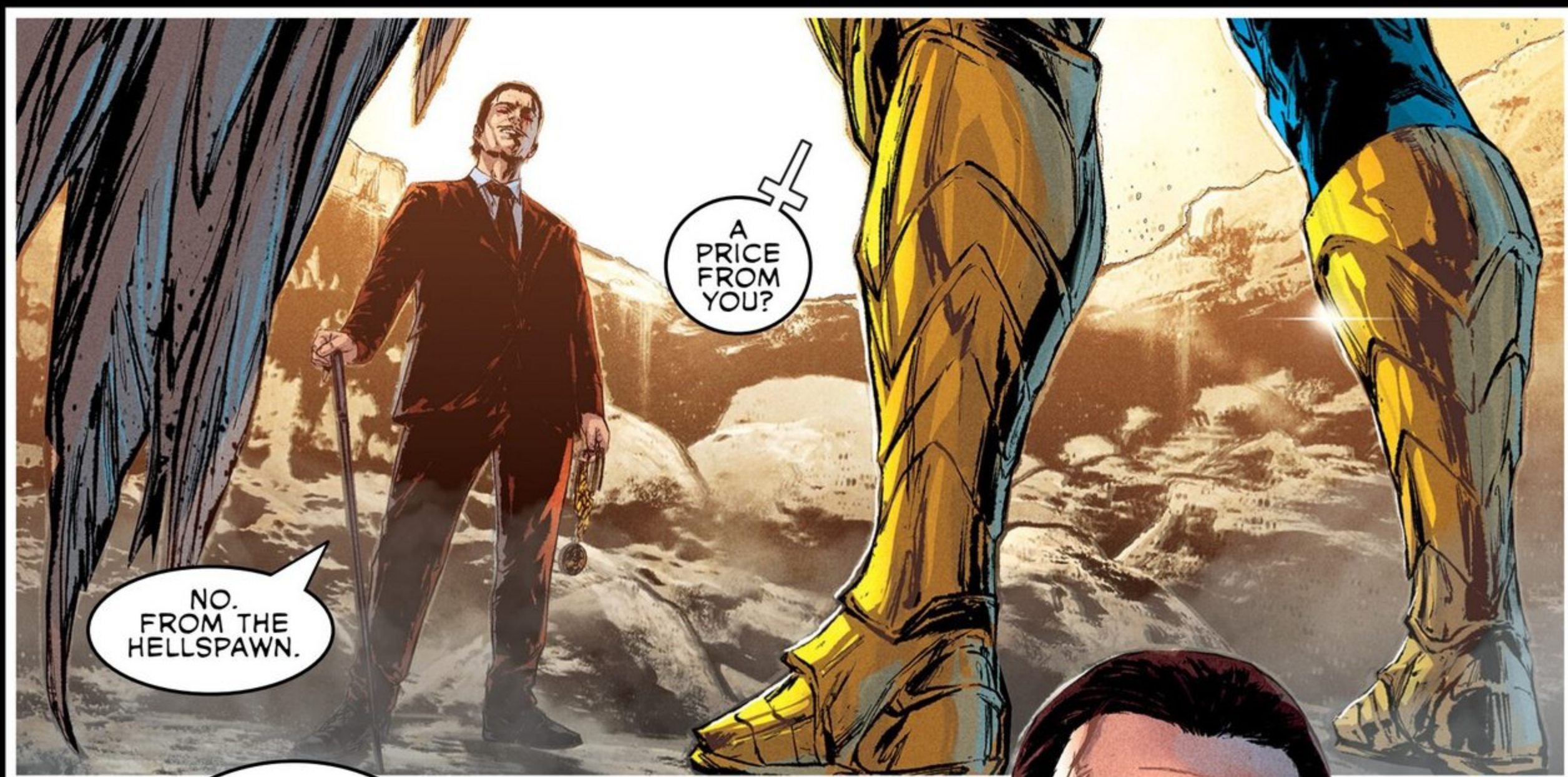


...BUT NOT QUITE YET.



I CAN'T HOLD IT; THE **PLAGUE SPAWN** WILL KNOW. IT'LL **SMELL** IT ON ME.

I WILL GIVE IT TO YOU, BUT YOU EITHER NEED TO DESTROY IT OR TAKE IT BACK TO HEAVEN. YOU DON'T DO EITHER OF THOSE, EARTH WILL PAY A **HUGE** PRICE.



IF IT **BONDS** WITH THAT NECKLACE, WHICH IT CAN, IF IT GETS NEAR YOU, IT WILL GAIN POWER EVEN I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO STOP.

GIDEON KNEW THAT, TOO. IT'S WHY **WE** STOLE IT, TO PREVENT PLAGUE FROM ACQUIRING IT. YOU SEE, THAT THING IS ON A MISSION TO MAKE ITSELF THE MOST POWERFUL THING ON EARTH.

SO, YOU NEED TO **DECIDE** WHAT KIND OF HERO YOU WANT TO BE. ONE THAT KNOWS WHEN TO RETREAT OR ONE THAT THINKS THEY CAN PROTECT HUMANITY FOREVER. EVEN YOUR GOD HASN'T FIGURED OUT THAT SECOND OPTION.



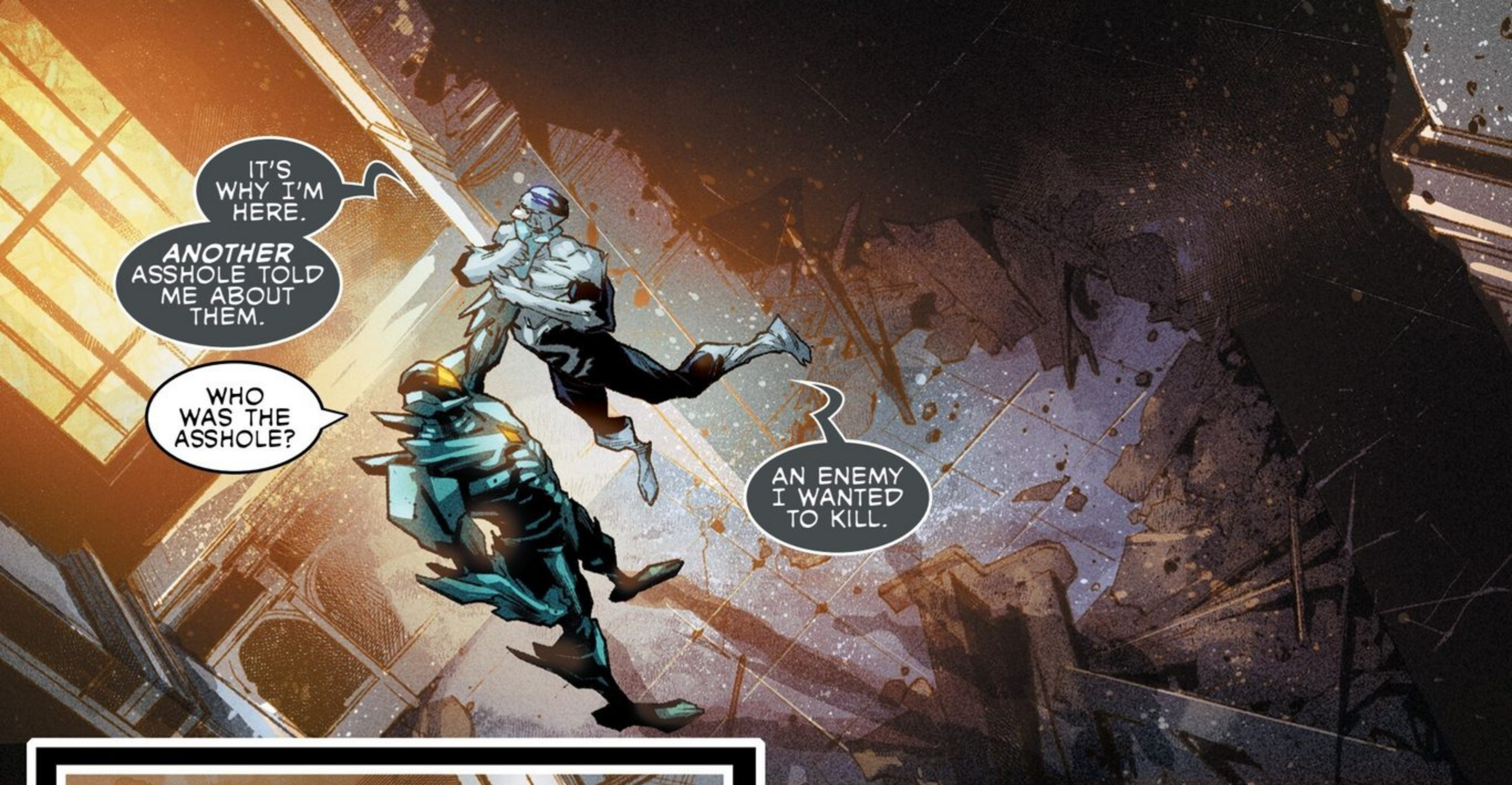
ELSEWHERE.

THE EASE IN WHICH THIS STRANGE VILLAIN GAINED THE UPPER HAND CHILLS THE HERO CALLED 'HAUNT'.

WHY'RE YOU PROTECTING THOSE SAVAGES? THEY TOOK THOSE CHILDREN AND MY DAUGHTER.

THE ELECTROSHOCK NUMBS HIS POWERS. HIS BREATH IS GETTING SHALLOW.

I want...
them saved,
too.



IT'S
WHY I'M
HERE.

ANOTHER
ASSHOLE TOLD
ME ABOUT
THEM.

WHO
WAS THE
ASSHOLE?

AN ENEMY
I WANTED
TO KILL.

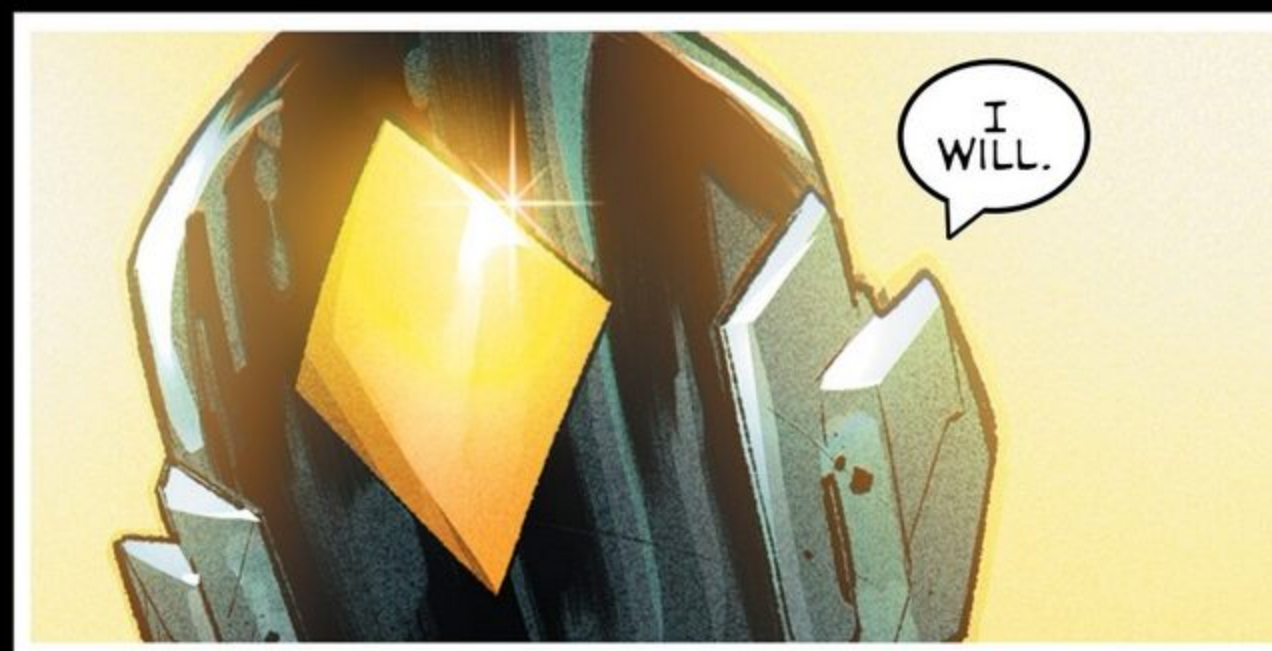


DID
YOU KILL
HIM?

THUK



NO,
I CAME
STRAIGHT HERE.
YOU WANT TO FIND
YOUR DAUGHTER,
GO **AFTER** THAT
PRIEST THAT JUST
FLED.



I
WILL.



BUT DON'T
INTERFERE
AGAIN.

BY THE TIME HE RECOVERS,
THEY'RE ALL GONE: THE
PRIEST, THE VILLAIN, AND
THE GHOST OF HIS BROTHER.



A BROTHER WHOSE SPIRIT HE IS
RELUCTANTLY LINKED TO. YET
NO MATTER HOW HE TRIES TO
SUMMON HIS DEAD BROTHER,
EVERY ATTEMPT FAILS.



THERE IS NOTHING MORE HE
CAN DO...FOR NOW. EXCEPT
TRY AND BLEND IN WITH THE
REST OF HUMANITY UNTIL HE
FINDS ANOTHER LEAD.



HE DOESN'T WANT TO
ANSWER HIS PHONE,
THEN HE READS THE
CALLER'S NAME.



BAZZ
BAZZ

HEY.

IT'S KURT'S WIDOW.
WHO'S ALSO DANIEL'S
EX-GIRLFRIEND.
IT'S COMPLICATED.

FINALLY!
I'VE LEFT YOU
LIKE A DOZEN
MESSAGES.





I'M CALLING TO REMIND YOU ABOUT JACOB'S BIRTHDAY THIS AFTERNOON, **REMEMBER?** JACOB REALLY WANTS HIS UNCLE THERE. SO, WHAT SHOULD I TELL HIM?

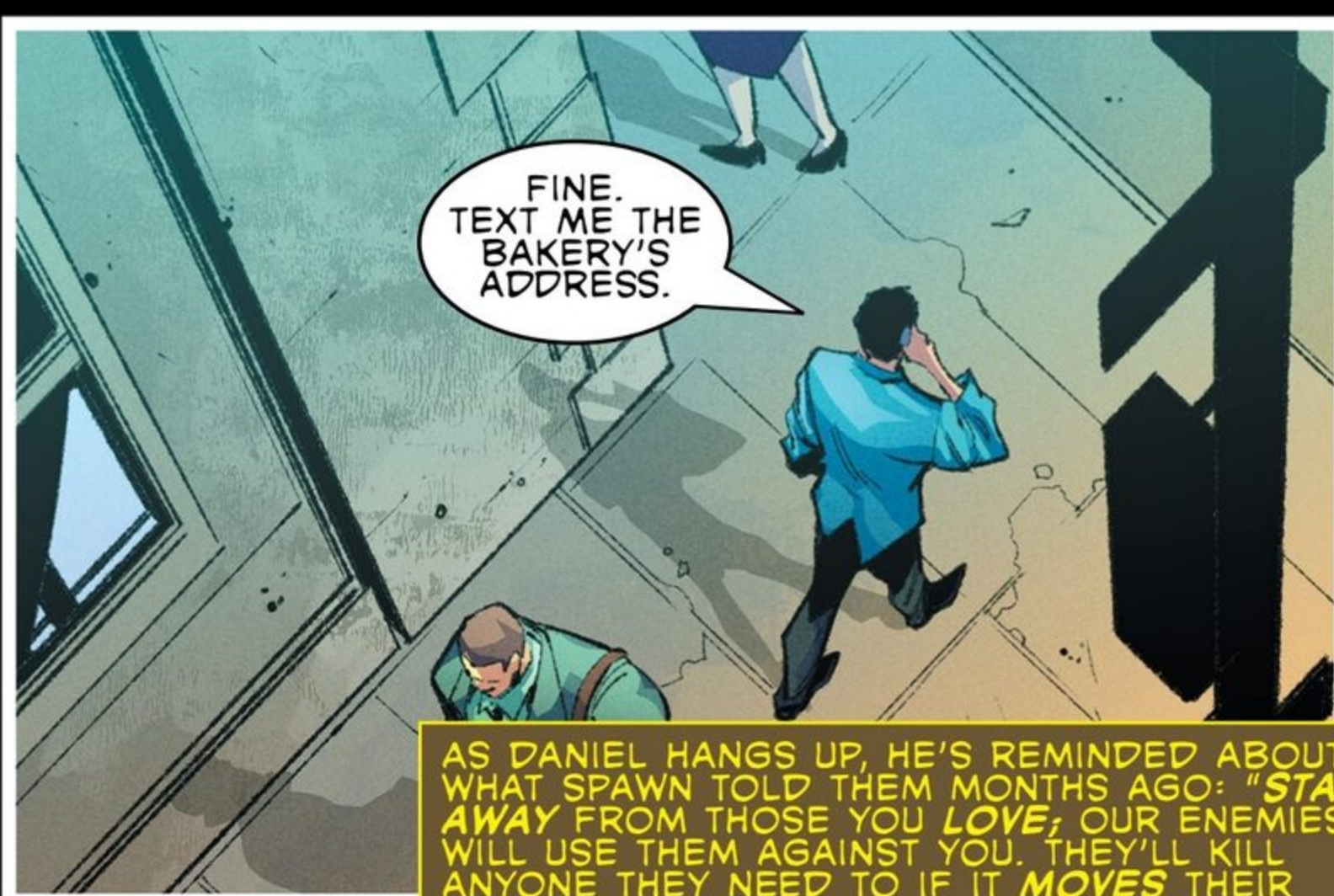


I'LL BE THERE, I'VE HAD IT ON MY CALENDAR FOR **WEEKS**. CAN'T DISAPPOINT MY FAVORITE NEPHEW. I'LL GET THERE EARLY AND HELP YOU SET UP.



NEED ME TO PICK UP ANYTHING FOR YOU BEFORE I COME?

THE BAKERY SAID THE CAKE WOULDN'T BE READY UNTIL **CLOSE** TO PARTY TIME, COULD YOU GRAB IT ON YOUR WAY HERE? DON'T WORRY ABOUT COMING EARLY, JUST GRAB THE CAKE.

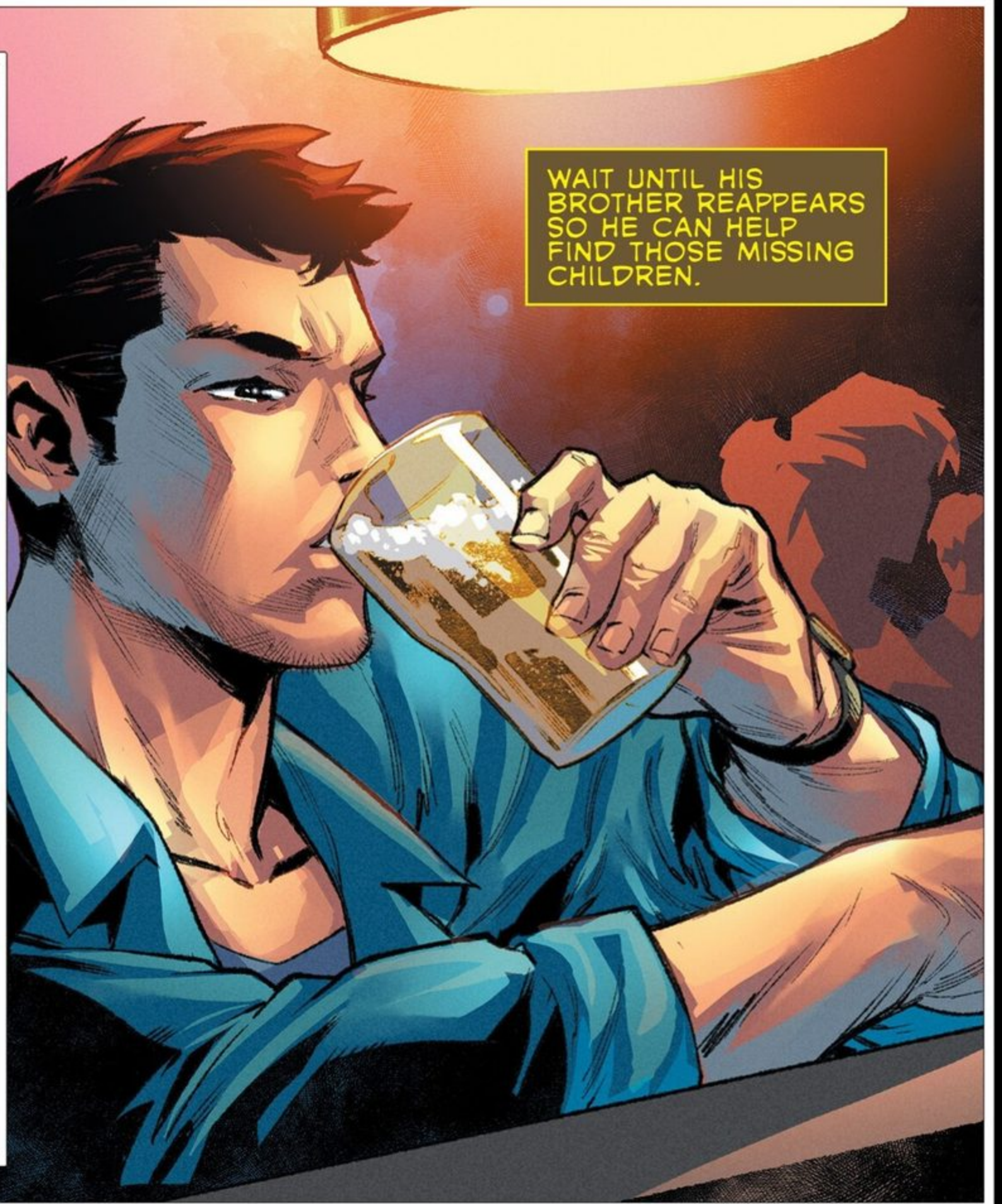


FINE. TEXT ME THE BAKERY'S ADDRESS.

AS DANIEL HANGS UP, HE'S REMINDED ABOUT WHAT SPAWN TOLD THEM MONTHS AGO: "**STAY AWAY** FROM THOSE YOU **LOVE**; OUR ENEMIES WILL USE THEM AGAINST YOU. THEY'LL KILL ANYONE THEY NEED TO IF IT **MOVES** THEIR AGENDA FORWARD."



IN THE MEANTIME, ALL HE CAN DO IS WAIT.



WAIT UNTIL HIS BROTHER REAPPEARS SO HE CAN HELP FIND THOSE MISSING CHILDREN.



KURT?
YOU
HERE?

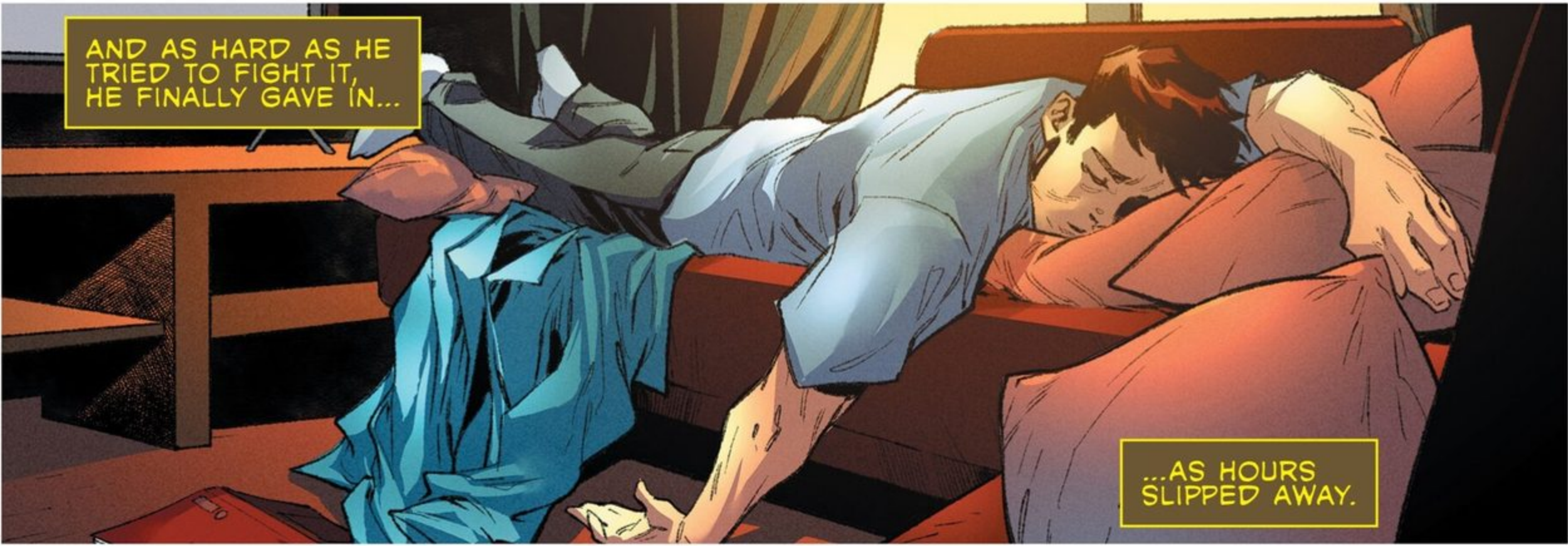
HE ISN'T.



SO, HE WAITS SOME MORE.



HIS BODY WAS
TELLING HIM HE
NEEDED REST.
TO RECHARGE.



AND AS HARD AS HE
TRIED TO FIGHT IT,
HE FINALLY GAVE IN...

...AS HOURS
SLIPPED AWAY.



WHAT'RE
YOU DOING?!
GET UP!

HUH?



JESUS!
YOU NEED TO
STOP DOING
THAT.

I THOUGHT
YOU WERE GOING
TO FOLLOW ME?
WHERE'D YOU GO?
FORGET IT, NEVER
MIND.



WE'VE GOT
A PROBLEM. THAT
COSTUMED GUY YOU
SENT AFTER THE PRIEST,
HE **SNAPPED!** FOUND OUT
HIS DAUGHTER DIED WHILE
BEING HELD CAPTIVE, WHICH
SENT HIM OFF THE DEEP
END, THREATENING TO
KILL EVERYONE.



WHERE'S HE AT?

DON'T KNOW, BUT HE'S CRAZY! HE THINKS YOU DELAYED HIM AT THE CHURCH SO HE WOULDN'T HAVE TIME TO SAVE HIS DAUGHTER.



WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! WE DON'T **EVEN** KNOW WHERE THOSE KIDS ARE.

IT **DOESN'T** MATTER, WHAT DOES IS HE THINKS HE COULD HAVE SAVED HER!

AND IT GETS WORSE.

HE YELLED THAT IF HIS KID DIDN'T LIVE, THEN NONE OF THEM WILL.



HE'S GOING TO KILL THE **OTHER** CHILDREN?!

CAN'T TELL, BUT THE WAY HE WAS ACTING, HE'S CAPABLE OF ANYTHING.

THEN LET'S GO!

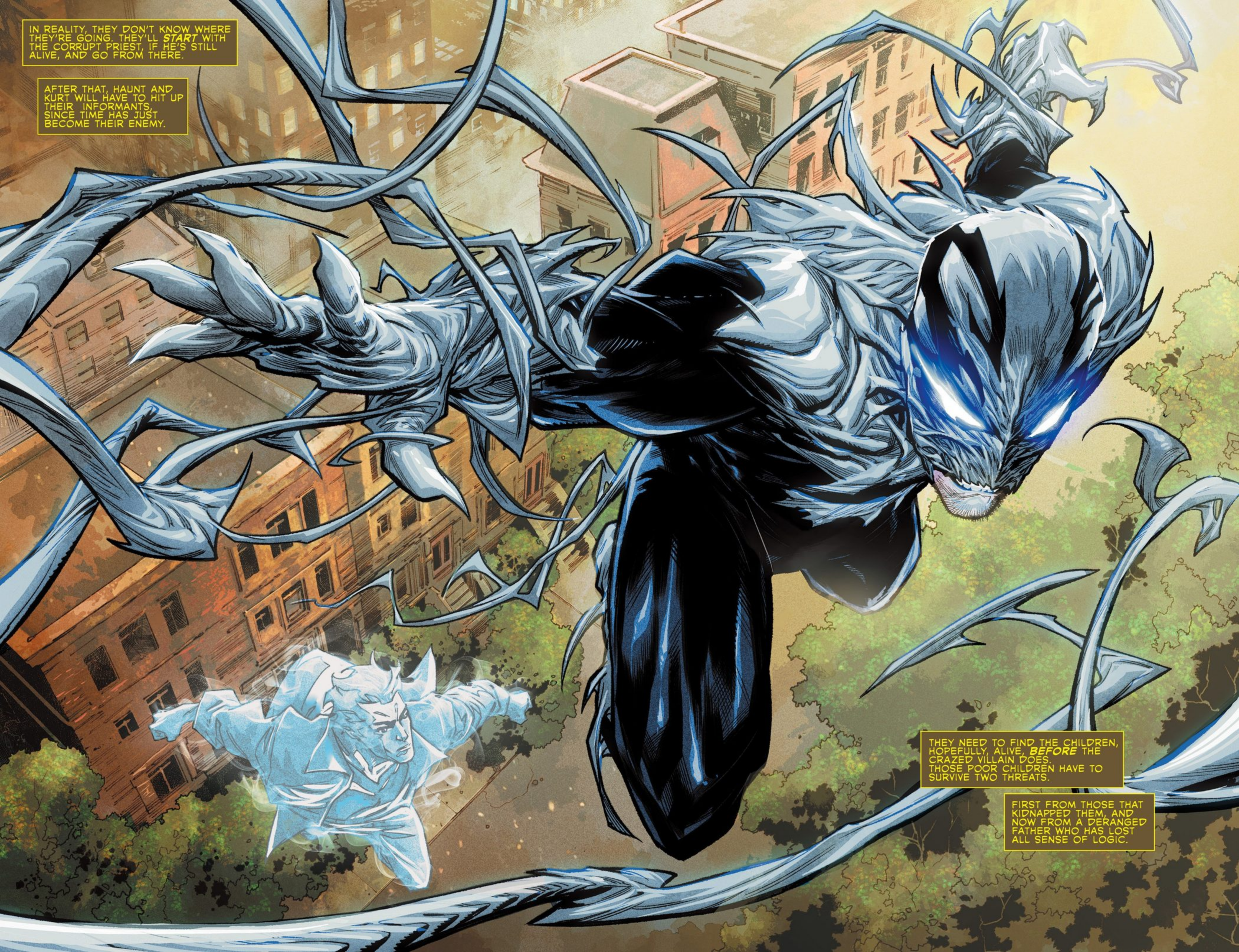


IN REALITY, THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY'RE GOING. THEY'LL **START** WITH THE CORRUPT PRIEST, IF HE'S STILL ALIVE, AND GO FROM THERE.

AFTER THAT, HAUNT AND KURT WILL HAVE TO HIT UP THEIR INFORMANTS, SINCE TIME HAS JUST BECOME THEIR ENEMY.

THEY NEED TO FIND THE CHILDREN, HOPEFULLY, ALIVE, **BEFORE** THE CRAZED VILLAIN DOES. THOSE POOR CHILDREN HAVE TO SURVIVE TWO THREATS.

FIRST FROM THOSE THAT KIDNAPPED THEM, AND NOW FROM A DERANGED FATHER WHO HAS LOST ALL SENSE OF LOGIC.



DANIEL KILGORE SWEARS
TO HIMSELF HE'LL SAVE
THEM NO MATTER WHAT
THE COST.

OR HOW LONG
IT WILL TAKE.

PING

MESSAGES
AMANDA KILGORE
Birthday cake ready for pick-up
in 40 minutes.
CALL ME when you get this message.

MESSAGES
AMANDA KILGORE
CALL ME

MESSAGES
KILGORE
WHERE ARE YOU!?!?!?!?
now



NEED MORE SPAWN'S ? UNIVERSE

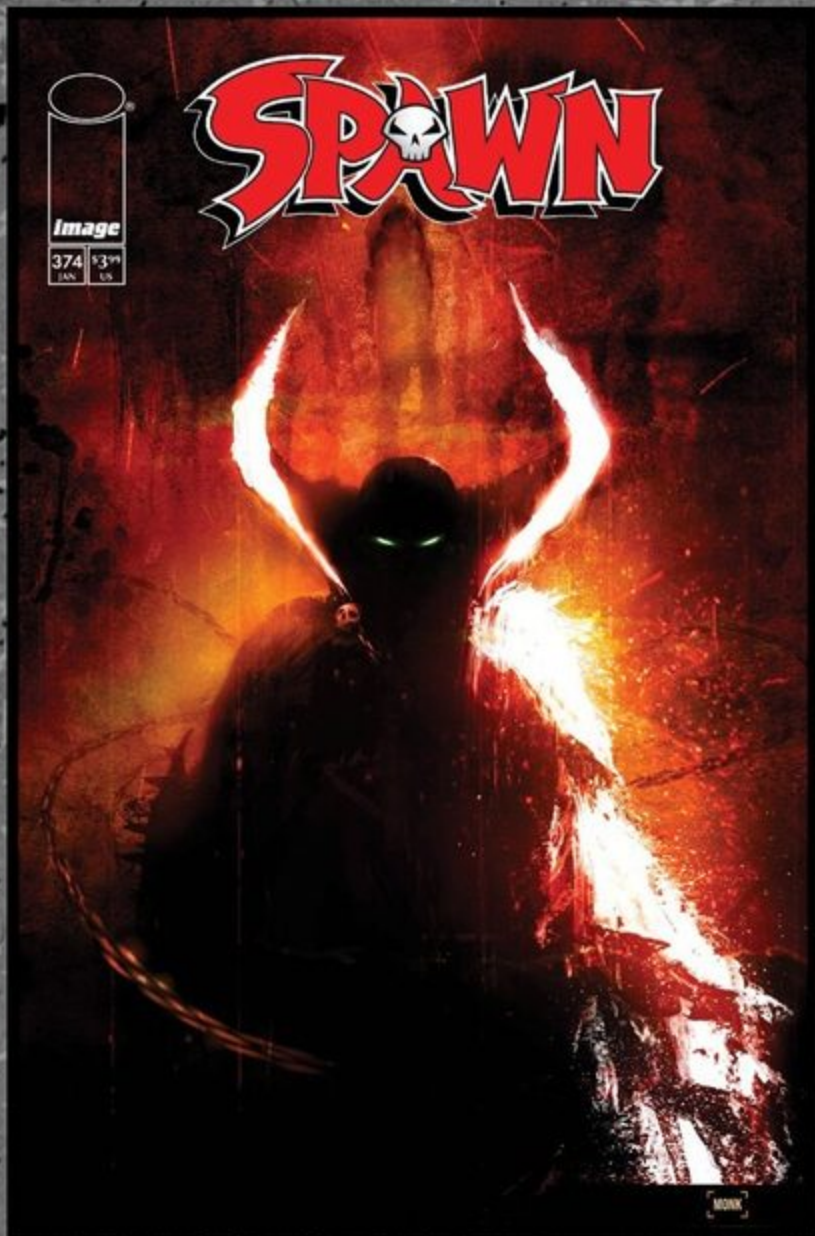
DON'T MISS THESE ONGOING TITLES!

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RECKLESS **EAST OF WEST** **I KILL GIANTS**
THE WALKING DEAD **I HATE FAIRYLAND**
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRUTH *SEX CRIMINALS*
KILLADELPHIA **BATTLE CHASERS**
SAVAGE DRAGON
PRETTY DEADLY **BLACK SCIENCE** THE WICKED + THE DIVINE
MONSTRESS CHEW *SWEET PAPRIKA*
GIDEON FALLS
MOONSTRUCK UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY **SKYWARD** OBLIVION SONG
DESCENDER *PAPER GIRLS* THE OLD GUARD
INVINCIBLE WANTED *BITTER ROOT*
STRAY DOGS WHAT'S THE FURTHEST PLACE FROM HERE **SNOTGIRL**
SAGA *KICK-ASS* **WITCHBLADE** *ISOLA*
INKBLOT
GOD COUNTRY
FIRE POWER
HAPPY!
CRIMINAL **DIE**
NOCTERRA
JUPITER'S LEGACY
RADIANT BLACK
DECORUM *BITCH PLANET*
MIDDLEWEST
LITTLE BIRD **RAT QUEENS**
ICE CREAM MAN
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